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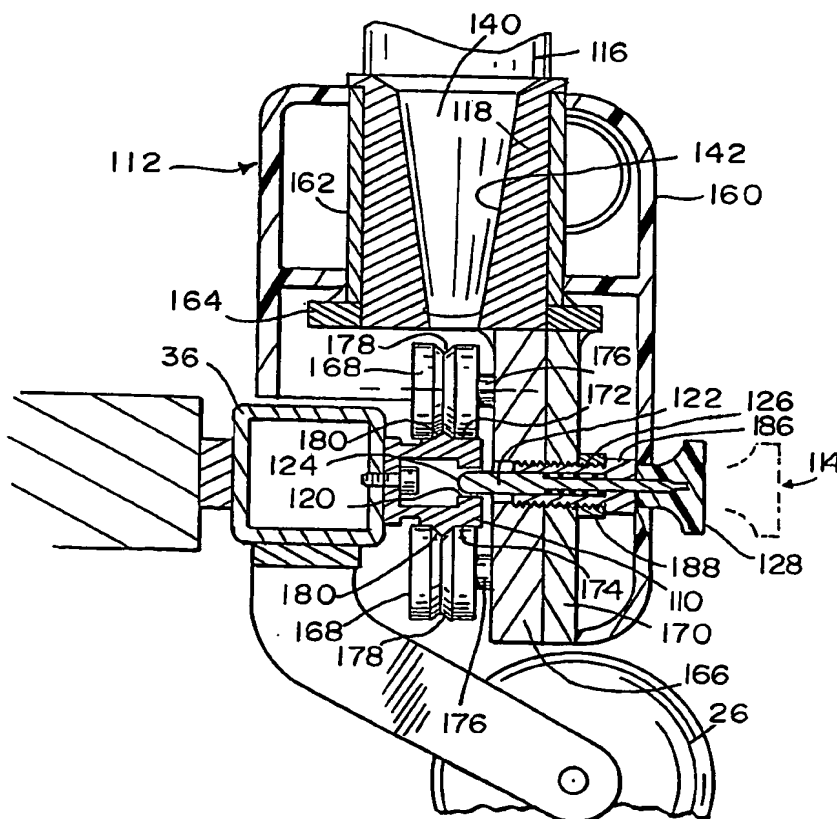
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus (100) includes a rail (110) configured to be coupled to a support structure such as hospital bed (20), a carriage (112) coupled to the rail (110) for movement along the rail (110) and a lock (114) coupled to the carriage (112) for selectively locking the carriage (112) at one of a plurality of locations along the rail (110). The carriage (112) is configured to support a patient care equipment rack such as an IV pole (102). The rail (110) has a plurality of locking portions (120) spaced therealong. The lock (114) is movable between a locking position where a portion of the lock (114) engages a selected one of the locking portions (120) to block the carriage (112) from moving along the rail (110) and an unlocking position where the portion of the lock (114) disengages from the selected one of the locking portions (120) to allow the carriage (112) to move along the rail (110).



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